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| In re Application of | : | |
| Yoshiumi HAMADA | : | Art Unit: 1772 |
| Serial No.: 10/759,233 | : | Examiner: C. Bruenjes |
| Filed: January 20, 2004 | : | |
| For: A UNIT FORMING A STOCKING- LIKE LAYER ON STOCKING-LESS LEGS | : | |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


This is in response to the restriction requirement of the November 3, 2005 Office Action.

In the Action, the claims are restricted to Group I, including claims 1-12 and 22-25 directed to the article, and Group II, including claims 13-21 directed to the method of using the article. In response, Applicants provisionally elect the Group I claims, including claims 1-12 and 22-25.

Applicants traverse the restriction and submit that the claims are sufficiently related to be examined together. The method and product claims both recite the composition and structure. Therefore, the claims are sufficiently related to be examined together.

Prompt and favorable examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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